Skidmore College Alumni Travel Program presents

EUROPEAN TAPESTRY
Amsterdam to Paris
April 24-May 5, 2017

12 days from $4,634 total price from Boston, New York
($3,895 air & land inclusive plus $739 airline taxes and fees)

An Exclusive Small Group Tour for Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Skidmore College
Featuring Penny Jolly, Skidmore College Professor of Art History
Dear Skidmore Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to join us on a small group tour through classic European cities - Amsterdam, Bruges, Luxembourg City, and Paris. Traversing the countries from north to south, your group will enjoy vibrant scenery, stay in classy hotels, and spend time touring cosmopolitan Paris. Traveling with you is Penny Jolly, a Skidmore College Professor in medieval and Renaissance art.

Begin with a tour of the Dutch capital of Amsterdam, enjoying highlights such as a visit to the breathtaking 79-acre Keukenhof gardens and the Van Gogh Museum. Travel to Kinderdijk to see the iconic windmills and take a walking tour of Bruges, followed by a leisurely boat cruise along the city’s romantic canals and a tour of vibrant Ghent. Continue on to Luxembourg, visiting the Mardasson Memorial and the adjacent Bastogne War Museum, followed by the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. End this memorable journey in Paris, “City of Light.”

This departure is exclusive for alumni, parents, and friends of Skidmore College. With space for only 24 guests in total, we expect this tour to fill quickly. Book today to secure your spot on our enchanting tour of Europe!

Sincerely,

Sibyl Waterman Haley ’71
President
Alumni Association Board of Directors

SKIDMORE COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: EUROPEAN TAPESTRY

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $_________ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on European Tapestry departing April 24, 2017. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make deposit check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send with completed reservation form to: Odysseys Unlimited, Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax reservation to 617-454-9199.

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Post-Tour “Paris - On Your Own” Extension: Please sign me/us up q

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for European Tapestry, April 24-May 5, 2017, and agrees that their signature below represents acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) __________________________________________________________________ Date ________________

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due by January 19, 2017, and is payable by check or credit card.
**EUROPEAN TAPESTRY**

**Amsterdam to Paris**

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Europe of old – and new – springs to life on this relaxed journey through cities rich with art and architecture, vibrant street life, storied surroundings, and prized UNESCO sites. We travel from canal-laced Amsterdam and medieval Bruges to diverse Luxembourg and romantic Paris … in our own moveable feast of culture, cuisine, and comfort.

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Day 1: Depart U.S. for Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Day 2: Arrive Amsterdam After arriving in the Dutch capital, there’s time to relax at our center-city hotel before this afternoon’s walking tour of the area. Tonight we enjoy a welcome dinner at our hotel.  

Day 3: Amsterdam We discover this canal-laced capital city on a morning tour, passing such highlights as the Royal Palace, Floating Flower Market, central Dam Square, the renowned Red Light District, and the historic canals lined with houseboats. Then we visit the newly renovated Rijksmuseum, where a guide illuminates for us the Golden Age of Dutch painting through works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, and other masters. Our tour ends here; we are free to continue exploring the museum on our own. This evening we enjoy a candlelight canal cruise with wine and cheese before dinner on our own.

Day 4: Amsterdam This morning we enjoy a half-day visit of the dazzling gardens at Keukenhof. With more than seven million tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths blanketing more than 79 acres with dazzling color, Keukenhof – also known as the “Garden of Europe” – ranks as the world’s largest flower garden and one of the most beautiful spring gardens anywhere. Then we visit the Van Gogh Museum, where we see the world’s largest collection of works by the Dutch artist known for his bold colors and raw emotion – and who had an incalculable impact on 20th-century Western art. Tonight we enjoy dinner together at a local restaurant.

Day 5: Amsterdam/Kinderdijk/Bruges, Belgium Today we travel to the village of Kinderdijk to see The Netherlands’ iconic windmills, approaching by boat. A local expert tells us about this...
UNESCO World Heritage site, whose 19 original windmills date to medieval times and still operate today. After lunch, we depart for Bruges, arriving late afternoon. Dinner tonight is on our own. B,L

**Day 6: Bruges**  This morning we embark on a walking tour of this gem of a medieval city then visit a chocolatier to watch the chocolate-making process and, of course, to sample the goods. Next: a leisurely private cruise along the city’s romantic canals. After lunch on our own, the remainder of the afternoon is ours to do as we wish in this beloved city. We meet up tonight for dinner together at a local restaurant. B,D

**Day 7: Bruges/Ghent**  This morning is at leisure to enjoy Bruges on our own. With its historic city center now a UNESCO World Heritage site, treasure-filled museums, well-preserved historic architecture, and evocative network of canals, the intimate town offers diversions aplenty. This afternoon we visit vibrant Ghent, capital of Belgium’s East Flanders region and the country’s “flower city” for its renowned international trade. Our walking tour here includes a visit to St. Bavo’s Cathedral, filled with priceless artworks including a 24-panel altarpiece by Jan Van Eyck and works by Peter Paul Rubens. We return to Bruges in time for dinner together at a local restaurant. B,D

**Day 8: Bruges/Luxembourg**  We travel today to tiny Luxembourg, the world’s only Grand Duchy and once the crossroads of Western Europe. Now known for its surprising natural beauty and rich history, Luxembourg boasts one the world’s highest standards of living. Upon arrival in Luxembourg City, we enjoy a city tour then have time at leisure to explore on our own. We dine tonight at the hotel. B,D

**Day 9: Luxembourg/Bastogne**  Today we honor the 77,000 American troops killed or injured in the deadliest battle of WWII, which took place in the Ardennes, the deeply forested region flanking Belgium, France, and Luxembourg. The Battle of the Bulge, as it became known, left an indelible mark on the region, as we see on our visit to the Mardasson Memorial, commemorating those who died here. We also tour the adjacent Bastogne War Museum, which provides a dramatic look at the war through personal testimony, artifacts, and interactive exhibits and displays. Capping this poignant excursion, we visit the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, where the graves of 5,076 American soldiers lie along with that of General George S. Patton, who commanded the U.S. Third Army from Luxembourg City. We return to Luxembourg for some time at leisure and dinner on our own in this cosmopolitan spot. B

**Day 10: Luxembourg/Reims, France/Champagne/Paris**  En route to Paris today, we stop in the French city of Reims, the unofficial capital of

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**Post-Tour Extension**

**May 5-7, 2017**

**PARIS - ON YOUR OWN**

3 days/2 nights for $435 total price

Single Supplement: $295

Savor more time in the “City of Light,” at your own pace, in your own time.

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- 2 nights’ accommodations at Hotel Splendid Etoile (Superior First Class)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport
the Champagne-Ardennes region. One of France’s leading centers of méthode Champenoise (traditional champagne production), Reims also is where the Germans surrendered to General Dwight D. Eisenhower on May 7, 1945. Here we visit Notre-Dame de Reims, the celebrated cathedral where kings of France were crowned and which Joan of Arc liberated. After lunch together we visit a champagne house for a tour and tasting of the prized bubbly. Then we continue on to Paris, where dinner is on our own tonight in this city renowned for its fine cuisine.

Day 11: Paris We pass by many highlights on this morning’s city tour, including the Eiffel Tower, the Seine, Champs-Elysées, and Notre Dame Cathedral. Then this afternoon is at leisure to enjoy Paris as we wish. Tonight we celebrate our European adventure over a farewell dinner.

Day 12: Depart Paris for U.S. We transfer to the airport this morning for our return flight to the United States.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 10 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class hotels
- 18 meals: 10 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 6 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Spring flowers in bloom, Keukenhof

Tour Departs: April 24, 2017

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Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $739, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add $1,195. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
- Business Class – $3,995 per person; Premium Economy – $895 per person. Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765 or send a fax to 617-454-9199

Faculty Lecturer

Traveling with you is Penny Jolly, a Skidmore College Professor in medieval art from the early Christian period through the Gothic, as well as Renaissance Italy and northern Europe. Her research focuses particularly on the 15th century, especially the work of Jan van Eyck and Rogier van der Weyden, and involves topics such as hair and dress, including a study of earrings, Renaissance maternity wear, and meanings of body hair in art; imagery involving gender, especially as related to breast-feeding, birthing and childhood; Adam and Eve narratives; and the iconography of Mary Magdalene in both northern Europe and Italy in the 14th through 16th centuries. With regard to the latter, she is currently working on narrative cycles of Mary Magdalene in late Gothic and Renaissance Italy. Penny looks forward to joining you in Europe!
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not Included in Tour Price

Airfare when purchasing a land only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a land only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per day, per traveler); optional sightseeing; travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline prior to departure.

Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

- Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge
- Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price
- Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price
- Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price
- Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund

If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of Skidmore College, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant, and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Skidmore College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in good health to participate in this Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Skidmore College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation - Important Information

Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.